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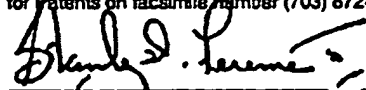
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For : METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR THE  
SYSTEMATIC ADAPTATION OF  
CLASSIFICATION SYSTEMS FROM SPARSE  
ADAPTATION DATA

December 23, 2004

**AMENDMENT**

I hereby certify that this correspondence and any documents referred to as enclosed therewith are being transmitted by facsimile to the Commissioner for Patents on facsimile number (703) 872-9306 on December 23, 2004.

  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 23, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.